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IN TALKING with a former C.I.A. economic analyst who spent four years in Viet Nam with the generals and the key representatives of the office of the president, I discovered that he was surprised at the large scale invasion by the North Vietnamese. It is his opinion that the attack will fail because (1) of the difficulty in finally capturing Saigon and (2) the inability to sustain an adequate supply line to the fighting front. These remarks were made before President Nixon announced his recent military decisions. Putting the two together one perhaps has a few answers - - namely, over the next few months the North Vietnamese offensive can fail because of their logistical problems. The move by President Nixon was to insure this result.

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DID YOU NOTICE there weren't any demonstrations against North Viet Nam in the Soviet Union, Red China or Berkeley following its escalation of the war? One must draw at least two points from this evidence -- (1) some people only see things one way and (2) some people in this country don't realize that our diversity is closely tied in with our freedom. We should think twice before we want to smother our internal disagree-

ments. No one knows for sure which is the best path to follow at this critical junction. We're all making judgements. It is high time that our leaders, as well as you and me, help one another to recognize that we are together in our disagreements. It is hard to maintain perspective in hysterical moments, but perhaps we can try.